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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL TALKS

1. MAY 3 AND 4 SESSIONS DEVOTED TO EXAMINATION OF AUS PAPER PROVIDING ESTIMATES ON REVENUE BALANCE AND CAPACITY OPERATED. MANY AUS FIGURES, PARTICULARLY ON REVENUES, SUBSTANTIALLY AT VARIANCE WITH US DATA. AFTER POINTING OUT MANY DISCREPANCIES USDEL SAID CONSIDERABLE MORE WORK REQUIRED TO RECONCILE RESPECTIVE DATA AND SUGGESTED THAT ANY FUTURE MEETINGS BE PREFACED BY SOME JOINT STATISTICAL ANALYSIS. AUSDEL TOOK NOTE OF US SUGGESTION.

2. AUSDEL SAID BELIEVED BASIC ISSUE STILL SAME AND ASKED FOR SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO THREE PROPOSALS

(A) ELIMINATION OF BEYONDS ON BOTH SIDES. (IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION AUSDEL SAID MEANT ALSO ELIMINATION OF US ROUTE 2 AS WELL.)

(B) IF (A) NOT ACCEPTABLE WHAT PROPOSALS COULD USDEL MAKE.

(C) ESTABLISHMENT OF FREEZE ON CAPACITY FOR PERIOD ONE
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3. USDEL EMPHASIZED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH AUS PROPOSALS, ON WHICH WE HAD NO PRIOR NOTICE, IN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE, AND NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY ON ACTUAL DATA. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT USDEL NOT CONVINCED OF LONG TERM IMPACT ON QANTAS OF ELIMINATION OF BEYONDS AND EMPHASIZED SHORT PERIOD OF OPERATING EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE UNDER NEW SITUATION. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES USDEL IN POSITION TO GIVE ONLY TENTATIVE RESPONSE. WITH RESPECT TO AUS PROPOSAL (A) USG WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICUTLY WITH PROPOSAL AS STATED ON BASIS OF INADEQUATE TIME AVAILABLE TO STUDY FULL RAMIFICATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSAL (B) WITHOUT PREDUDICE TO ANY CHANGES WHICH MIGHT BE AGREED AS RESEULT FURTHER JOINT EXAMINATION OF SITUATION, USDEL PREPARED CONSIDER DELETION OF CERTAIN BEYONDS ON US ROUTE 1, I. E. COCOS AND BEYOND ON SEGMENT (B) AND BEYOND NEW ZEALAND ON SEGMENT (C).

4. WITH RESPECT AUS PROPOSAL (C) ON CAPACITY US WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A STABILIZATION OF CAPACITY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CAVEATS WHICH MUST BE CAREFULLY WORKED OUT. EXAMPLES OF SUCH CAVEATS WOULD INCLUDE SOME ARRANGEMNT FOR AMERICAN, FREEZE ON THIRD COUNTRY CARRIERS, ETC. USDEL ALSO PREPARED TO OFFER ASSURANCES REGARDING PLANS NO INCREASES NUMBER OF CARRIERS IN MARKET.

5. AUSDEL SAID WOULD DISCUSS US POSITION WITH MINISTER JONES AND WOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS MONDAY. NOW PLAN CHARTER DISCUSSIONS MONDAY AFTERNOON.
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